

REMARKS

The previously filed responses of June 30, 2006, August 3, 2009, and December 15, 2009, were timely filed, *bona fide* responses to the various actions issued by the Office and no Office Action is currently outstanding with respect to this application. Accordingly, no time period for any response is currently running against this application and no fees are believed to be due at this time. In the event that any additional fees are required with respect to this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees, or credit any overpayment, to Paul & Paul deposit account number 16-0750. In addition, if any extensions of time are required for the filing of this response, the Commissioner may regard this communication as a petition for any such extension of time and charge the required extension of time fee, or credit any overpayment, to Paul & Paul deposit account number 16-0750.

This supplemental response includes a statement of the status of the claims and a statement in tabular form of where support for the claim changes can be found in the patent specification in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.173(c) in order to facilitate review and examination of the amended claims.

Claim 1 was amended on June 30, 2006, and claims 7 and 14 were amended on August 3, 2009. Support for all the underlined subject matter in the amended claims is explained by reference to column and line number and claim number in the original patent no. 6,347,433 following the Status of Claims. With respect to claim 1, the patent in column 9, lines 24-31, provides that, "Each of the left and right torque elements **62 L**, **62 R** is geometrically configured to have substantially uniform strength whereby substantially uniform forces are created between each of the left and right shafts **86 L**, **86 R**, respectively, to provide torque transfer and angular

positional control of the left and right shafts **86 L**, **86 R** with respect to the left and right torque elements **62 L**, **62 R**, respectively.” Angular positional control is synonymous with rotational positional control. Therefore this language clearly supports the language in amended claim 1 that the first shaft is rotatably located with respect to the first end of the first torque element. Accordingly, this application should now be fully in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.173(c).

The undersigned representative respectfully requests further and favorable prosecution of this application on the merits.

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Support for Claim Changes Under 37 C.F.R. §1.173(c)

With respect to the amended claims 1, 7, and 14, the following table indicates where support for changes to the claims can be found in the specification of the original patent.

<u>Claim No.</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Location of support in the patent specification</u>
1.	(Amended) A hinge connecting a first member to a second member, the hinge comprising:	no change.
	a support rotatably connected to the first member about a first axis;	no change.
	a first torque element having a first end [including an open portion and a closed portion, the first torque element having an elongated second end extending from the closed portion] <u>and a second end</u> , the second end of the first torque element being fixedly connected to the support;	Column 6, lines 1-14. Column 8, lines 30-40.
	a first shaft extending from the second member and being rotatable about a second axis, the first shaft having first and second ends, the first end of the first shaft being fixedly connected to the second member, the first shaft being rotatably located [within] <u>with respect to</u> the first end of the first torque element; and	Column 9, lines 24-31.
	a first biasing element positioned between the first shaft and the support and biasing the shaft to rotate about the second axis in a first direction.	no change.
7.	(amended) The hinge according to claim 1 further comprising:	no change.
	a second torque element having a first end <u>and a second end</u> , the <u>first end</u> including an open portion and a closed portion, [the second torque element having an elongated second end extending from the closed portion,] the second end of the second torque element being fixedly connected to the [second element] <u>support</u> ;	Column 5, lines 58-64. Column 6, lines 1-14. Column 8, lines 30-40.
	a second shaft extending from the second member and being rotatable about the second axis, the second shaft having first and second ends, the first end of the second shaft being fixedly connected to the second member, the second shaft being rotatably located within the first end of the second torque element; and	no change.

	a second biasing element positioned between the second shaft and the support and biasing the shaft to rotate about the second axis in the first direction.	no change.
14.	(three times amended) The hinge according to claim 13 wherein <u>the first end of the first torque element includes an open portion and a closed portion, and wherein</u> the second end of each of the first and second torque elements is generally diametrically opposed from the open portion of each of the first and second torque elements, respectively.	Column 5, lines 58-64. Column 6, lines 1-14.